during preliminary discussions for a cut in fertilizer subsidy.

The subsidy on low analysis fertilizers such as Ammonium Sulphate, Calcium Ammonium Nitrate, Ammonium Chloride and Sulphate of Potash, which are sold in comparatively small quantity, has been withdrawn and the maximum sale price of other fertilizers has been increased by 40 per cent on an average, by an order issued by the Government on 25th July, 1991.

(b) and (c) During the last three years, the amount of subsidy paid on indigenous fertilizers and on imported fertilizers has been as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount of subsidy on indigenous fertilizers	Amount of subsidy on imported fertilizers
1988-89	3,000.00	200.70
1989-90	3,771.00	771.10
1990-91	3,729.73	659.33

The above figures do not indicate any definitive trend as between indigenous and imported fertilizers.

The amount of subsidy paid for indigenous and imported fertilizers during the period from 1-4-1991 to 30-6-1991 is Rs. 1043.47 crores and Rs. 190.82 crores respectively.

Delinking Confirmation from availability of Permanent Posts

1668. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) had issued an Office Memorandum dated 28th March, 1988 wherein delinking of confirmation from the availability of permanent posts had been ordered;

(b) whether the said Office Memorandum also provided that confirmation would be made a one-time event in the career of a Government Servant at the entry grade and that an officer be considered for confirmation immediately after successful completion of his period of probation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Grade II Officers/Head Clerks/Assistants serving in the Delhi Administration since 1986/1987 have not so far been confirmed in their respective entry grades and even a DPC has not been appointed by the Delhi Administration to consider their cases; and Administration to consider their cases; and

(d) what are the reasons for which the Delhi Administration has not been able to comply with those orders of the Ministry which came into effect on 1.4.1988 and by what time the officers referred to in Part (C) above are likely to be confirmed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is a fact that the Grade II officers of Delhi Administration Subordinate Service Cadre serving in Delhi Administration since 1986-1987 have not so far been congrmed in their respective entry grades. However, DPC for confirmation already exists.

(d) The Government of India instructions dated 28-3-1988 apply only to regular appointments. No regular appointments could be made in Delhi Administration since 3-12-80 on account of various court cases. However, appointments made from 1981 to 1990 have since been regularised and action for confirmation is being taken.

Appeals against JCT NEG move to manufacture T.V. Glass Shells for BEL-NEG.

1669. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received appeals from Bharat Electronics Limited (TALOJA, SAVE FORUM) Maharashtra against JCT NEG move to manufacture T.V. Glass Shells (Colour) instead of BEL-NEG;